



RESPECT Coming to West Plains July 17

Transformation begins with RESPECT! We're thrilled to invite you to Joel Slack's full RESPECT Seminar sponsored by the Mental Health Transformation Workgroup and the Department of Mental Health (DMH). The training is free, open to the public and registration is recommended. **Special thanks to our local co-hosts: Family Counseling Center, Inc. and Ozarks Medical Center Behavioral Healthcare.** Joel is a dynamic, engaging speaker so please share this invitation with any community group, organization or individual interested in gaining a consumer's perspective regarding mental health and the relationship between service provider and consumer.

RESPECT Seminar Details

Speaker: **Joel Slack**
Time: **1:00 p.m. — 5:00 p.m.**
Date: **Thursday, July 17, 2008**
Location: **West Plains Civic Center – Dogwood I Room**
110 Saint Louis Street
West Plains, MO 65775
Located near the intersection of St. Louis Street and East Main Street.

Divided into two sessions with a break in between, the RESPECT Seminar is designed for mental health and medical professionals, consumers, family members, service providers, direct care staff, peer counselors, human services employees, clergy, law enforcement, educators, civic groups, service organizations, policy makers and all interested community members. Part 1 introduces RESPECT as an acronym and provides real life examples on the impact respect (and disrespect) has on a person recovering from a psychiatric disability. Part 2 highlights the dynamics of a human being and how those dynamics are affected by psychiatric illness and treatment experiences. CEUs are available.

Registration and Information:

Advanced registration is strongly suggested. Please [register on-line](http://www.dmh.mo.gov/transformation/transformation.htm) and check our website for details and updates on the 2008 RESPECT seminars throughout the state:

<http://www.dmh.mo.gov/transformation/transformation.htm>

Contact the Office of Transformation regarding your questions or additional information needs.

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The RESPECT Seminar is part of Missouri's Mental Health Show Me Series of programs designed to improve public knowledge, eliminate stigma and empower people to move their lives forward regardless of their illness or disability.



Joel Slack, founder of Respect International LLC, is an international consultant and trainer in the field of mental health. His work combines 10 years of experience as a senior manager in a state mental health agency with his experience as a person recovered from a psychiatric disability.

Following Joel's first year as a collegiate basketball player, he spent seven years battling his toughest opponent - a psychiatric disability that included clinical depression. Following Joel's recovery, he continued with his education and earned a degree in International Economics and Business Psychology from Allegheny College in Meadville, Pennsylvania. Today, his dreams of helping others overcome their disabilities are unfolding in many communities around the world.

Over the years, Joel has served on the National Advisory Councils of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) and Boston University's Psychiatric Rehabilitation Program. Joel serves on several boards including the Global Initiative on Psychiatry, a Netherlands-based international human rights and mental health organization. Additionally, he serves on Mrs. Rosalynn Carter's Mental Health Task Force at the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library in Atlanta, Georgia.

Please note. RESPECT Seminars will be held statewide during the coming months. If you are interested in co-hosting a RESPECT Seminar in your area, please contact the Office of Transformation at 573.526.3702 or transformation@dmh.mo.gov.